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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 | **6:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee on November 20, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, M. Sachkiw at 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 12 - Co-Chair – Councillor J. Harris
Co-Chair M. Sachkiw
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
LCol G. Johnston
J. Babcock
C. Hassey
W. Hay
A. Jones
L. Palson
J. M. Pigeon
S. Scully-Pratt
K. Watson

Absent: 3 - T. Gardiner
J. Massie
B. Sergeant

STAFF:
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Legislative and Court Services/City Clerk, W. Cooke
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION CONCERNING INNISFIL AND BARRIE YOUTH COMMUNITY TRIP TO ARRAS, FRANCE

Craig Froese and Robin Marshall of Nantyr Shores Secondary School provided an overview of the Innisfil and Barrie Youth Community Trip to Arras, France. Mr. Froese and Ms. Marshall displayed photographs and described the connection between Barrie and Arras, France, the historical sites visited by the delegation including a tour of City Hall and meeting with Deputy Mayor Bourgeoise, the Bell Tower, Wellington Quarry, Beaumont Hamel and Vimy Memorial.

The Committee asked questions of Mr. Froese and Ms. Marshall and received responses.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services Department provided an update concerning the Committee's 2024 budget and reserve fund

The Committee provided feedback to Ms. Cooke regarding the 2024 expenditures and the City's twinning relationships. The Committee discussed the transfer of $20,000 from the reserve fund to 2024 International Relations Committee budget to cover expenditures.

The International Relations Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

RESERVE FUND - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

That $20,000 be transferred from the International Relations Committee Reserve fund to the 2024 International Relations Committee budget.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/20/2024.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

YOUTH AMBASSADORS/GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM

Dawn McAlpine, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services provided comments on youth programming, and the risks and liabilities to the City.

The Committee provided their feedback to Ms. McAlpine and received responses. The Committee discussed the background of the youth ambassador program, changes to the Committee's mandate, and potential options and new opportunities for the program.

Shannon Scully-Pratt provided a summary of the costs associated with hosting a youth delegation from Murayama, Japan. She advised that representatives in Murayama, Japan are eager to start organizing the 2025 programming for the Barrie youth delegation. Ms. Pratt suggested setting up a meeting between representatives in Murayama, Japan and Barrie to discuss the youth ambassador program.

Jamie Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program and the 28 students participating in the program at Innisdale Secondary School.

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN UPDATE

Stephannie Schlichter, Director of Economic and Creative Development Department discussed the itinerary for the Saginaw, Michigan, USA delegation visiting Barrie between October 15, 2024 to October 16, 2024, and asked the Committee members to RSVP if they are interested in attending any of these events.

The International Relations Committee lost quorum at 7:32 p.m. and all remaining agenda items will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CHAIRMAN